death was executed to appear as suicide. There was even a suicide note supposedly written by Carl. Yet no one who knew Carl believed for an instant that his death was anything but murder.

Here are some of the facts evident so far:
1) The cause of death has not yet been assessed.
2) No explanation has been given as to how his wrists were slashed.
3) Both his close friend and wife who saw the suicide note declared it a fake.
4) All who knew Harp were aware of his remarkable ability to stay balanced, fight hard when he had strgngth, deflect assaults when weak and lay low to regenerate his energy when tired. He had a lust for life.
5) His wife and I who last visited Carl, August 28th after he had demanded to get transferred back to general population, saw a person who felt very satisfied about his moves and was anticipating the future. He was also looking forward to the next issue of a newsletter he was involved in, the Anarchist Black Dragon, a certain big victory in an upcoming suit against the guards for a brutal beating he received 2 years ago, an appeal on his rape conviction by one Washington's best attorneys, projects on publishing some of his writing, and of course, more visits from his wife now that he was back in Washington from California's San Quentin.
6) Lastly, Carl died alone. He vowed that if he ever would give it all up and commit suicide, he'd take a pig with him.

An autopsy will be done to determine the cause of his death, the FBI have been called in to investigate, some lawyers have come forward to help, and outside supporters are planning strategy to expose the complicity behind his murder, and the murders of hundreds of other inmates in the clutches of the State.

BIOGRAPHY: Born 1949 in Vancouver, Washington, Harp lived with his mother, who lived on welfare more often than not to survive. He went to prison for the first time at 15. By the time he was 23, he had been around the world three times, been in five more prisons in Mexico and Washington, spent time in Vietnam and had become a junky who kicked the habit.

At the age of 23, he was convicted and sentenced to four consecutive life terms for murder and rape. (the history of the trial and the proceedings clearly show he was railroaded by a State that needed a convictions, after blowing its case against the guilty party. Harp, outraged at his convictions, decided to fight back.)

He evolved through constant and often intense struggle with the State into a revolutionary Anarchist. He developed remarkable skills to not only sustain his strength in the fight, but also enhance his love of life. He was hated and feared by the State because of his effectiveness confronting authority and educating others.

While many inmates would try to do "easy time", Carl never took life for granted. He did his time by churning out letters and articles to the outside, launching suits against the prison, helping other prisoners in their legal matters (and teaching some to read), being supportive and loving to friends, painting or drawing art, and reading and discussing political theory.

He put theory into action by helping found Men Against Sexism, a group established to help protect gay prisoners and educate others; participated in the intense strikes and rebellions Walla Walla prisoners waged against their captors; co-founded the Anarchist Black Dragon Collective – an underground political group inside, and their publication which is still continuing, the Anarchist Black Dragon.

Two years ago, Harp and two others seized the Classification Building and took ten staff hostages to force publicity and action on the dire lack of justice and human rights prisoners face. Harp refused to plead guilty, demanding a public political trial. The other two succumbed to the intense State pressure and pled guilty. Harp was then viciously beaten and raped with a riot baton by guards. After spending two weeks in a hospital, he was transferred against his will to San Quentin. He was told he would be killed there. News of his beating and transfer was publisized internationally by outside supporters, and Harp launched suits seeking damages and a return to Walla Walla.

What followed was a slow parade of victories. Last year, a previous civil suit Harp and others launched saw the judge declare Walla Walla "cruel and unusual". Wishing to avoid being put on trial again, the State dropped the hostage charges against Harp. Then he was awarded $7,000 for being illegally kept in segregation for 14 months. He then won his transfer back to Walla Walla recently and was preparing to go further, when the pigs, I assume deciding they could endure no more, killed him.

Personally, I of course feel the despair of losing a wonderful friend and comrade – but just as strongly, I'm so damn happy to have known and worked with him. He showed me the potential of a revolutionary spirit-energy that can overcome forces much larger than you. He also showed the importance of outside solidarity and support towards the struggle on the inside, for no matter how strong the individual is, support from others is essential to be able to sustain the fight.

Presently, too little resistance is being mounted against the ruling class's attacks. Reagan and Trudeau's gangs plan many more prisons and more sadistic punishment. The meaning of Carl Harp's life is obvious... there is no benefit in doing "easy time" – FIGHT BACK!

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"D" is for daring. That's what it takes to be free. . . Carl Harp

CURRENT ANARCHIST PAPERBACKS

DURRUTI: The People Armed, by Abel Paz.
Black Rose Books (Quebec). 323 pages. $6.95.

The name of Buenaventura Durruti was legend in the international anarchist movement even before his death during the battle for Madrid in the Spanish Civil War in 1936.

As activist, syndicalist organizer, propagandist, guerrilla fighter, and the battle commander of a 10,000 member anarchist militia column in the war against Spanish fascism, he was known for his courage and daring, his uncompromising devotion to the people's revolution, his skill in orgainzing and executing direct action – but more particularly he was remembered and admired as a person who fully embodied the generous and egalitarian ideals of anarchism.

His close friend and compatriot Francisco Ascaso once stated "the most beautiful theories only have value if they are rooted in practical life experiences and influence these experiences in an innovative way." Durruti, in his ardor for life and his faith in the revolutionary potential of the Spanish working class, made "the most beautiful theories" live and become concrete in his daily political labors. He was that admirable conjunction of a person as theorist, worker-activist, and warrior.

Abel Paz's biographical study is a fine, direct introduction to this man and to the period of the Spanish revolution of the 1930s. Though this period has been the subject of many easily-available books by Establishment historians and journalists, it is rare to find in English a detailed treatment mentioning anarchists or anarchism which is written from a left libertarian point of view. Many of the details about the CNT, FAI and militias were so new to me that I wished the author could have added another hundred pages on how the members organized, operated in combat and made their decisions.

A book like this clearly shows how much we have been lied to over the years on matters of anarchism, labor history and the Spanish war. Durruti's story is one that should be more widely known, because the revolution he lived and died for is the one that awaits us in our own future.

Peter Nicolaus

THE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF BAKUNIN: Scientific Anarchism, ed. by G.P. Maximoff. Free Press. 434 pages. $9.75.

It has always been difficult to obtain good editions of writings of Mikhail Bakunin, the father of revolutionary anarchism. No complete edition of his work has ever been issued in any language, though the French published six long volumes in a series and the Russians announced (but never published) a 14-volume set.

English language students of anarchism have been particularly hard-pressed, but at least this single extensive volume compiled by the late Gregori Petrovich Maximoff is being maintained in a paperback edition. It is an excellent introduction to Bakunin for new readers and a good reference work for Bakunin's close students.

This tireless revolutionary activist and propagandist has had a very bad press during the last century because of his belief in the efficacy of "propaganda by deeds." This has, unfortunantly, tended to cast a shadow on his contributions as a theorist of political action. Bakunin brought into anarchism two distinct new developments: instead of abstract speculation on political power he offered a practical method for political action; he altered anarchism as a doctrine for the radical wing of the petty bourgeoisie to make it a political doctrine fo the working class.

Maximoff brought together in this volume 56 essays, articles and polemics ranging from general pieces on philosophy to the criticism of society, and from anarchist theory to programs for revolt. Many of the pieces have a particularly contemporary ring to them even today, as Bakunin in his criticism of the State and Marxist doctrine was profoundly clearsighted in predicting the world we find ourselves in 1981. This book has the added virtue of introductory essays by two long-time anarchist activists and writers, Max Nettlau and Rudolf Rocker.

Michael Mondovi

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